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For: PROCESSING ACTIVITY MASKING IN A DATA  
PROCESSING SYSTEM

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT**

Enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt and 371 Acceptance Letter for the above-identified application which incorrectly states the oath or declaration filing date as November 29, 2005. It should read **June 14, 2005**. The correction is shown in red on the attached copy of the filing receipt. Also attached is a copy of the postcard receipt date-stamped June 14, 2005 acknowledging receipt of the executed Declaration. Issuance of a Corrected Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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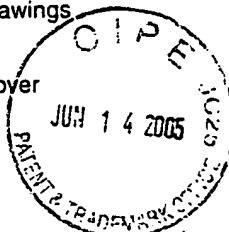
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- Address Indication Form**
- Amendment**  
Pages Specification, Claims & Abstract  
Claims; Sheets of Drawings
- Declaration (2 Pages)**
- Assignment (2 Pages) Including Cover**
- Check Enclosed (\$40. 00)**

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## FILING RECEIPT



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## Foreign Applications

UNITED KINGDOM 0229068.2 12/12/2002  
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**Title**

Processing activity masking in a data processing system

**Preliminary Class**

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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and  
 (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371  
 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/14/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/14/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/14/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 03/14/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/14/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/14/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 11/29/2005 06/14/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/14/2005
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